

City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge

CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND STRATEGY

YEAR 2016 ACTION PLAN



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\$11,065,556 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Declared Disaster Recovery Fund (DDRF) funds provided by HUD to address the August 2016 historical flooding event.

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2015-2019 (CPS) is the five (5) year plan for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) for the use of four U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant program funds which are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The CPS prioritizes the community's needs and inventories resources available to meet identified needs, then, establishes strategies and goals to address gaps in unmet needs. Annual Action Plans define specific activities to be undertaken with HUD entitlement grant funds designed to address the community needs for that specific year as identified within the framework of the CPS. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

HUD requires that the City-Parish/Office of Community Development (OCD) to have an approved CPS in order to facilitate continuity in its programs while promoting an environment which encourages citizen participation and invites contributions from myriad entities within its jurisdiction. Consistent with HUD regulations (24 CFR part 91), the CPS was developed in collaboration with City-Parish citizens, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and public agencies. OCD serves as the lead agency for the development of the CPS. The goal of the development process was to establish a unified vision for community development actions that will help meet three statutory goals of the entitlement grants: 1) decent housing, 2) a suitable living environment, and 3) expanded economic opportunities.

These goals include housing the homeless in a continuum of care, expanding the stock of affordable housing, guaranteeing fair housing for all persons, improving infrastructure to ensure safety and livability of neighborhoods, protecting the environment, enhancing civic design, and expanding economic opportunities, particularly for low and moderate income persons.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The projects and activities outlined in this plan are intended to benefit low to moderate income residents, improve distressed and blighted neighborhoods with high concentrations of low to moderate income residents and positively impact the city as a whole. These strategies will be addressed with other federal and state grant programs and local initiatives to meet the objectives outlined in the Plan. The 2016 Annual Action Plan will focus on goals established in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS).

Priority areas of need determined through public input and research for the Consolidated Plan include:

1. Education Services were identified as a priority need to bridge social and economic gaps for our low income population and improve quality of life.

2. Increased availability and accessibility of affordable rental and owner housing units through new housing development, the rehabilitation of existing housing, and direct housing assistance through homebuyer and tenant-based rental assistance.
3. Health Services including primary and secondary services to low income people, addressing both physical and mental health issues as well as feeding programs for elderly, disabled and low income people and families.
4. Workforce Development through job training and placement programs and services.
5. Homeless Prevention Services including the provision of emergency shelter, rapid rehousing and transitional housing programs for individuals and families as well as services targeted to special population groups such as veterans, battered spouses, persons with HIV/AIDS and the youth.
6. Public Facilities and Infrastructure in low income areas including demolitions and the expansion of facilities which provide community services were seen as a priority to provide a framework to encourage private investment and community improvement.

3. Evaluation of past performance

City-Parish has made progress in addressing priority needs. Many of the activities performed contribute to stabilizing the city's lower income neighborhoods and improving living conditions for low income families. Improvements to housing and public infrastructure enhance the appearance of neighborhoods and create a more aesthetically appealing environment. The demolition of blighted and deteriorated properties prepares sites for redevelopment contributes to neighborhood stabilization by decreasing crime rates, increasing property values and improving the overall quality of life for its residents. New housing development and homeownership programs promote pride in ownership and long term resident stability.

Renovations to non-profit facilities serving the homeless and other eligible residents and neighborhoods help improve the quality, and often, the quantity of services. Renovations are accomplished on owner-occupied and rental housing by City- Parish projects and its partner non-profit agencies. The scope of renovations varies depending on the program and households needs, with improvements ranging from health and safety upgrades to complete renovations. As in prior years, OCD has continued to place special emphasis on roofing projects as a means to prevent further building deterioration.

Increasing homeownership opportunities for low to moderate income persons remain a priority for the City-Parish, however, because of economic conditions, and the implementation of new HOME rule regulations, the number of loans processed continues to be down for the Homebuyer Loan program.

Housing, supportive services, and case management were provided to homeless persons through several of the City-Parish sub-recipients. Additionally, emergency, transitional and permanent support was provided based on client need. Past performance evaluations and reporting can be found in Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) on the City-Parish OCD website

at <http://brgov.com/dept/ocd/>. These reports provide both summaries and details of resources, distribution and accomplishments for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funded programs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The citizen participation plan establishes the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) to channel grassroots input into the consolidated planning process, and to review ongoing Consolidated Plan activities. Meetings of the CAC are held quarterly. Public hearings for the CPS and the Annual Action Plans are held in conjunction with meetings of the CAC. Written comments are accepted at any time, but in order to be considered in the Action Plan for Program Year 2016, the comments must have been received no later than 4 p.m. on July 22, 2016.

Comments were also accepted via e-mail at OCD@brgov.com. Provisions were made for persons requiring special assistance or accommodations at the public hearings and for receipt of comments through voice and TDD Phone support. The OCD also solicited public input to the CPS through a community needs survey posted on the City-Parish web site during the planning phase of its CPS 2015-2019. The entire citizen participation plan has been made part of the CPS as Appendix C. In 2013, HUD New Orleans Field Office selected the City of Baton Rouge to conduct an in-depth Community Needs Assessment as a part of HUD's effort to institutionalize best practices in achieving HUD's Strategic Goals. Community partners, citizens, and stakeholder including non-profits, for-profit, and elected officials participated in a series of community roundtable discussions and cluster meetings in 2013, 2014, and 2015. This process was used to identify specific issues and needs, to identify resources to address issues, and finally to identify gaps in needs and resources. The community identified four top priorities: Education, Housing, Workforce Development, and Health.

5. Summary of public comments

Three public hearings were held during the development of the Action Plan 2016 to solicit public comment on community needs. Two were held in conjunction with Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meetings on March 3rd, and May 5th, 2016. The third and final public hearing was held in conjunction with the City Parish Council meeting and vote on July 27, 2016. Provisions were made for persons requiring special assistance or accommodations at the public hearings and for receipt of comments through voice and TDD Phone support. Comments were also accepted via e-mail at OCD@brgov.com. A complete list of comments received with responses is attached to this plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

*All comments or views received during the comment period were considered in the development of this plan.

7. Summary

The jurisdictional area eligible to participate in activities funded under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG entitlement grants includes the City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated areas of East Baton Rouge Parish. The incorporated cities of Baker, Zachary and Central are separately eligible for the competitive State and Small Cities CDBG Program administered by the State of Louisiana.

The HOPWA grant funds, although it is administered by the City-Parish OCD, serves clients in the nine (9) parish Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
HOME Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
ESG Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan 2016 is the result of a collaborative planning effort, developed with input from many local and regional agencies and organizations, including private, non-profit and for-profit entities as well as direct input from the public through a series of public hearings and through representatives of neighborhood organizations.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated East Baton Rouge Parish apply as one jurisdiction for entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The City-Parish Office of Community Development is the lead agency for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS), and subsequent implementation and monitoring of the activities funded by the annual action plans. OCD directly administers the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants, which include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment and Partnership Act (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA). In conjunction with the entitlement grants, OCD provides additional services through other programs such as the Continuum of Care (CoC), and Section 8 assisted housing.

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, OCD conducted a survey with City-Parish residents to identify and prioritize various community needs. The results of the survey are included in section NA-05, “Needs Assessment Overview” of the 5-year CPS. Furthermore, OCD consulted with local public and private service providers to assess the community needs of low to moderate income households and “special needs” households. OCD met with the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority, the City-Parish Department of Public Works, Head Start, and the Council on Aging (COA), the Mayor’s Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Task Force, and the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless (CAAH).

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The OCD in corporation with HUD’s New Orleans field office also held a series of cluster meetings in program years 2013 and 2014 to assist in establishing the community needs assessment for the CPS. Roundtable discussions addressing community needs were held by various community stakeholders including those from non-profits, for-profits, and elected officials. Break out cluster meetings were held by attendees based on need category. These meetings served to develop a concise prioritized list of community needs and enhance community partnerships.

OCD has worked collaboratively with community residents and stakeholders in support of multiple initiatives and grant opportunities resulting in enhanced coordination with OCD programs and staff. The City of Baton Rouge is a recipient of HUD Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant to develop a Transformation Plan aimed at creating mixed-income, high-quality housing, attracting public and private business investments, and providing social supports and educational opportunities for individuals and families living in the Choice neighborhood. Baton Rouge was selected for the HUD ConnectHome Pilot Program to close the digital divide for residents of public housing by increasing broadband access.

Additionally, the jurisdiction is a recipient of The Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants to address juvenile crime and drivers of crimes that have been identified in many of Baton Rouge’s low income neighbors.

The City accepted President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge to improve life outcomes for boy and young men of color as well as accepting First Lady Michelle Obama's Challenge to end Veterans Homeless. These grants and initiatives require intense coordination and collaboration between public and assisted housing providers, and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The jurisdiction and the Continuum of Care (CoC) are working to improve the new Centralized Assessment for Homeless Service Providers. Service providers housed at the CoC's One Stop Homeless Services Center in conjunction with a HMIS vendor in place to guide this process. A common intake form has been designed that incorporates the required data elements and client-specific data that will allow for an appropriate referral to member agencies across the Continuum. All ESG-funded programs within the Continuum of Care's area are required to use the assessment system. Victim service providers may choose not to use the coordinated system; however, they must have a comparable client level database.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City-Parish OCD consulted with the executive director of the CoC/HMIS lead agency, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless (CAAH), to discuss the agency's involvement in the development of performance standards, policies, and procedures that would be used as guidance in administering Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds. It was determined that the most effective way to solicit the involvement of the CoC board and member agencies was via survey. The ESG CoC survey assessed elements such as priority level funding, goals and strategies for the application of ESG funding towards eligible program components, performance standards, and outcome evaluations. The City and the CoC have plans to further the coordination efforts by participating in the CoC's monthly membership meetings.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Capitol Area Alliance for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Capitol Area Alliance for the Homeless (CAAH) was consulted to identify resources available to address the needs of the homeless.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	EBR Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority was consulted to establish how resources address low income housing needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	HIV/AIDS ALLIANCE FOR REGION TWO (HAART)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HAART was consulted to discuss resources and gap analysis in the provision of housing and services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	DHDS OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The East Baton Rouge Department of Human Development and Services was consulted to evaluate and coordinate resources.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	EBR Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Regional organization Public Facilities -General Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City-Parish Department of Public Works was consulted to review public facility needs and resources available to address established needs.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	BR MSA Continuum of Care	The City-Parish Office of Community Development (OCD) works with the BR MSA Continuum of Care (CoC) to coordinate resources to address the needs of the Homeless in implementing the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homeless, "Opening Doors". OCD utilizes the CoC's "Point-in-Time" survey data in establishing homelessness priorities.
EBR Public Housing Plan	East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority	The East Baton Rouge Public Housing Authority (EBRPHA) mission is to provide and develop quality affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization. Its mission is consistent with that of the City-Parish's Consolidated Plan. Accordingly, the EBRPHA and the City-Parish OCD have partnered and continue to partner and combine resources in the undertaking of projects that address housing needs for our low income population.
State of Louisiana Consolidated Plan and Strategy	Louisiana Division of Administration	The City-Parish routinely consults with the State Office of Community Development and the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) to coordinate planning efforts and program effectiveness. The LHC administers the State's HOME program funds and commissioned a Statewide Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (including a module detailing City-Parish impediments) which OCD staff contributed. The LHC also administers federal Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program funds which are subgranted locally. The State OCD subgrants HESG funds locally as well. State and local coordination of planning and implementation efforts are essential to effective and efficient program administration.
FuturEBR	East Baton Rouge Parish Planning Commission	FuturEBR is the comprehensive development plan for the City-Parish. Its goal is to guide development in housing, economic development, transportation, land use, the environment, urban design and other areas through a strategic and comprehensive decision-making processes. The City-Parish Office of Community Development and the Planning Commission work closely to insure the goals of the CPS are incorporated into the decision making process as well.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The citizen participation plan establishes the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) to channel grassroots input into the consolidated planning process, and to review ongoing Consolidated Plan activities. Meetings of the CAC are held quarterly. Public hearings for the CPS and the annual Action Plans are often held in conjunction with meetings of the CAC.

Written comments are accepted at any time, but in order to be considered in the CPS comments must have been received no later than 4 p.m. on July 22, 2016. Comments were also accepted via e-mail at OCD@brgov.com. Provisions were made for persons requiring special assistance or accommodations at the public hearings and for receipt of comments through voice and TDD Phone support. Three Public Hearings were held in conjunction with the Action Plan 2016. Copies of the Draft Action Plan were made available for public review at all local libraries and on OCD website at <http://brgov.com/dept/ocd> for a period of 30 days.

Comments received during the citizen participation process are noted and considered when addressing our community's needs and prioritizing resources.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Not applicable to this outreach activity. Two separate public notices were posted in the "Advocate", the newspaper of greatest circulation in the area. The first, notifying the public of the public hearings related to the CPS and the second including a summary statement of proposed activities.	Not applicable to this outreach activity.	Not applicable to this outreach activity.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Low Income Area.	Three public hearing were held during the development of the Action Plan 2016. Two were held in conjunction with Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meetings. Though well advertised, only 17 people were in attendance for the March 3rd, 2016 meeting and 15 people attended the second public hearing held May 5th 2016. The third and final public hearing will be held in conjunction with the City Parish Council meeting on July 27, 2016.	Comments received at public hearings are summarized in part 5 of the Executive Summary section of this plan.	No comments received were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Residents of Low/Mod Neighborhoods	The Citizen Advisory Council has always been an integral part of the City Parish Citizen's Participation Plan. Measures to increased attendance this past year have resulted in increased attendance. Though a core group of CAC members, representatives of the Mayors office of neighborhoods and OCD staff a plan of action to address the attendance issue is underway. The main role of the CAC is to assist in the dissemination of information to and from low income neighborhoods in the community. Notice of the Consolidated Planning Process including public hearings and Request for Proposals are presented at CAC meetings.	Comments received from the CAC in regards to the CPS planning process concern the lack of participation and the desire for a greater role in project selection process.	All comments received from CAC members are taken serious and none are not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	During the development of the Action Plan 2016 two public notices were posted on the City-Parish website notifying the public of the public hearings held in conjunction with the plans development. The draft of the plan was also posted on the City-Parish website and made available for public download for a minimum of 30 days with along with a summary statement of anticipated resources and proposed projects to be undertaken. Public notice of the City-Parish's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Request for Proposals related to the 2016 Entitlement allocations was made on the website. 2016 NOFA Application packages with instruction packages were made available for download.	A summary of public comments received during the development of the Action Plan 2016 are attached to this report.	No comments received were not accepted.	http://brgov.com/dept/ocd/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Libraries	Non-targeted/broad community	Public notices were posted at all 15 branches of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and draft copies of the Action Plan 2016 were made available for public review at each branch location.	A summary of public comments received during the development of the Action Plan 2016 are attached to this report.	No comments received were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

Program year 2016 summary of federal resources expected to be available including program year 2016 entitlement grant funds, expected program income to be received, and prior year funds to be reallocated due to projects being completed under budget or from those which did not go forward.

Priority Table

Program	Source Of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,867,265	350,000	615,186	3,832,451	0	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,068,461	375,000	928,024	2,371,485	0	

Program	Source Of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	2,550,866	0	388,722	2,939,588	0	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	262,197	0	46,860	309,057	0	
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental rehab Overnight shelter Permanent housing in facilities Services Other	11,065,556	0	0	11,065,556	11,065,556	Declared Disaster Recovery Funds (DDRF) made available to the jurisdiction to address needs related to the August flooding event.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG funds used for public facilities and public improvements leverage local general funds in the provision of facilities and improvements to low income areas. Projects utilizing volunteers such as leverage labor costs. Public services supported activities leverage private and other state and local funding to increase the ability organization to provide services to those in need. HOME funds used for homebuyer loans leverage private mortgage financing to make owner housing more affordable.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority (RDA) administers adjudicated properties within the jurisdiction. The RDA identifies properties suitable for development and works with local government and non-profits to clear and place parcels back into the housing market for development.

OCD manages 24 affordable single family housing units acquired through foreclosure and is in the process of developing 28 recently acquired vacant parcels into new affordable housing. Plans are currently underway to donate a total of seventeen (17) vacant lots to Habitat for Humanity in conjunction with a sub-recipient loan agreement to development new single family homeowner housing units. The transfer of thirteen (13) has been completed and construction is expected to begin soon.

Discussion

"Prior Year Resources" include funds to be reallocated for to the same use, or amended use due to projects being completed under budget or from those which did not go forward.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing	CDBG: \$1,673,958 CDBG-DDRF: \$3,676,223	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 106 Household Housing Unit
2	Volunteer Housing Repairs	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing	CDBG: \$100,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Unit
3	Demolitions	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	HUD 2014 Low/Mod Census Tracts	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$100,000	Buildings Demolished: 20 Buildings
4	Education Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Education Services PS -Public Services - General	CDBG: \$48,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 550 Households Assisted
5	Health Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Health Services PS -Public Services - General	CDBG: \$272,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 57831 Persons Assisted
6	Neighborhood Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	Public Facilities and Infrastructure PS -Public Services - General	CDBG: \$300,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5775 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Employment Training and Workforce Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Education Services ED -Workforce Development	CDBG: \$150,000	Jobs created/retained: 50 Jobs
8	Home Ownership Services	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Education Services PS -Public Services - General	CDBG: \$48,000 CDBG-DDRF: \$500,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 750 Households Assisted
9	Youth Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Education Services PS -Public Services - General	CDBG: \$96,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 Persons Assisted
10	Fair Housing Services	2015	2019	Fair Housing Activities	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	PS -Education Services PS -Public Services - General Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$5,000	Other: 1 Other
11	Planning and Administration	2015	2019	Planning and Administration	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area Baton Rouge MSA	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$638,453 HOPWA: \$76,525 HOME: \$141,774 ESG: \$16,664 CDBG-DDRF: \$2,231,112	Other: 1 Other
12	Home buyer Loans	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Home Buyer Target Area	AH -Home Buyer Assistance	HOME: \$459,665	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Rental Housing Assistance	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	Homeless Prevention AH -Rental Assistance	HOME: \$200,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted
14	Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area Home Buyer Target Area	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing AH -New Housing Development	HOME: \$1,408,633 CDBG-DDRF: \$3,676,223	Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 48 Household Housing Unit
15	Affordable Housing Development	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area Home Buyer Target Area	AH -New Housing Development	CDBG: \$159,413	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
16	Emergency Shelter Provision	2015	2019	Homeless	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	Homeless Prevention Public Facilities and Infrastructure	ESG: \$153,000 CDBG-DDRF: \$1,000,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1260 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 20 Beds
17	Homeless Prevention	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area Baton Rouge MSA	Homeless Prevention AH -Rental Assistance	HOPWA: \$2,863,063 ESG: \$136,393	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 230 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 5130 Persons Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 476 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Volunteer Housing Repairs
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Demolitions
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Education Services
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Health Services
	Goal Description	Health services including the provision of food to low income persons.
6	Goal Name	Neighborhood Facilities
	Goal Description	Construction of a facility to be used for low income neighborhood services.
7	Goal Name	Employment Training and Workforce Development
	Goal Description	Employment training and job placement.
8	Goal Name	Home Ownership Services
	Goal Description	Homebuyer training and title clearing activities.
9	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	Youth development services.
10	Goal Name	Fair Housing Services
	Goal Description	Fair housing promotion activities
11	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Planning and administration activities
12	Goal Name	Home buyer Loans
	Goal Description	Homebuyer loans.
13	Goal Name	Rental Housing Assistance
	Goal Description	HOME Tenant-based Rental Assistance.
14	Goal Name	Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Rental Housing Development - rehabilitation

15	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Development
	Goal Description	Affordable housing developed by Community Housing and Development organizations.
16	Goal Name	Emergency Shelter Provision
	Goal Description	
17	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	Activities to prevent homeless

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

OCD expects increased production in both housing development activities and homebuyer loans over the next 4 years through new and sustained partnerships. Our goals for program year 2016 are to complete 12 homebuyer loans to low and moderate income households and to complete the production of 36 rental units available to low and moderate income households through the completion of previously allocated Nicholson Place apartments and with the proposed 2016 allocations. Additional single family homeowner housing units were completed in program year 2014 and 2015 from prior year funds by the Partners for Progress, a nonprofit subsidiary of the East Baton Rouge Housing Authority which will provide new homeownership opportunities to moderate income households. The 2016 request for proposals resulted in a number of quality applications for development of rental housing. These applications are currently in contract development phase.

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Introduction

Program year 2016 projects were selected following a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Request for Proposals (RFP) process which began with a public notice in the "Advocate" on 04/17/2016 and postings on the City Parish website. Proposal application packages were made available for download with instructions by proposal type. A pre-submittal workshop was held at the River Center Branch Library to answer questions regarding the application and submittal process. Projects were scored and ranked based on a number of criteria outlined in each RFP application instruction package. Projects selected to be undertaken in program year 2016 are listed below.

#	Project Name
1	Planning and Administration 2016
2	Fair Housing 2016
3	Volunteer Repair Program 2016
4	SF OO Housing Repair Program 2016
5	FixUp Mid City 2016
6	Demolition and Clearance 2016
7	NOVAC 2016
8	Public Facilities 2016
9	Interfaith Federation -Holy Grill 2016
10	Mary Bird Perkins -Mobile Medical Clinic 2016
11	Mid City Home Ownership Center 2016
12	The Futures Fund 2016
13	Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pharmacy 2016
14	Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Dining Room 2016
15	UREC -NBR Youth Development Program 2016
16	HOME CHDO Activities 2016
17	Homebuyer Loans 2016
18	HOME Housing Development Loans 2016
19	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) 2016
20	ESG16 City of Baton Rouge
21	HAART -HOPWA 2016
22	BRABAC Metro Health -HOPWA 2016
23	OLOL -St Anthony's Home (HOPWA) 2016
24	DHDS Office of Social Services HOPWA 2016
25	Volunteers of America HOPWA 2016
26	La Health and Rehab Center HOPWA 2016
27	BRAADC HOPWA 2016
28	DDRF-Housing Repairs/Reconstruction

#	Project Name
29	DDRF-Rental Housing Repairs/Lease
30	DDRF-Title Assistance
31	DDRF-Homeless Prevention
32	DDRF-BR General Administration
33	DDRF-State General Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Priorities identified in this plan were developed through a community needs analysis process undertaken during the development of the Consolidated Plan and Strategy. Public input was solicited and received during a series of public hearings, public comments on community needs were also accepted via e-mail, voicemail and through a community needs survey posted on the City-Parish web site. Non-profits, for-profits, community representatives, elected officials joined OCD and HUD staff in a series of community roundtable discussions and cluster meetings in 2013, 2014, and 2015 to identify specific issues, community needs and resources available to identify gaps in needs and resources and obstacles to addressing underserved needs. Many obstacles to meeting community needs were identified. In general, barriers to non-housing community needs included the lack of youth services and after school programs, employment opportunities, a poorly trained workforce, inadequate transportation services, lack of access to health services and general lack of access to goods and services in low income areas. Barriers to affordable housing included: local zoning barriers, increasing housing values, lack of existing affordable housing, escalating interest rates on loans, unwillingness of property owners to accept Section 8 subsidies, rising rental costs, an insufficient number of rental units and development regulations.

Four top priorities were identified: Education, Housing, Workforce Development, and Health Services. Projects were selected for funding through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in program year 2016. Proposals received were scored and ranked on a number of categories including whether they addressed those needs identified. Further, funding availability remains a limiting factor because many eligible project proposals are denied due to limits of available resources and entitlement funding allocations.

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Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Planning and Administration 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$638,453 HOPWA: \$76,525 HOME: \$144,346
	Description	Costs include reasonable costs of program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation; providing information to citizens and local officials, preparing budgets, preparing performance reports, and resolving audit and monitoring findings. The project is eligible under 24 CFR 570.205-206, 576.21(a)(5), 574.300(b)(10), and 92.207.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
2	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	Fair Housing 2016

	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Home Ownership Services Fair Housing Services Education Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Education Services PS -Public Services -General
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Office of Community Development is the designated Fair Housing Agency for the City-Parish and will conduct Fair Housing activities for the jurisdiction to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local Fair Housing laws. Fair Housing activities include information services, advertising, promotion, and affirmative marketing education in homebuyer education classes.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Promotional activities
3	Project Name	Volunteer Repair Program 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Volunteer Housing Repairs
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	This program provides materials and supplies for minor repairs to homes owned and occupied by very low income persons as well as associated housing program operational cost, when the repairs are undertaken through community / neighborhood volunteerism. The activity goal is to assist 40 households by September 2017.

	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Painting and other minor repairs to Single-Family Owner-Occupied Low Income Households Housing Units. Includes housing program operational costs: application processing, inspections, pressure washing and other related work.
4	Project Name	SF OO Housing Repair Program 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,323,958
	Description	Rehabilitation of substandard, low-income, owner-occupied housing bringing identified items to building code compliance. Includes various limited repairs to low-income, owner-occupied housing. These include roofing repair/replacement, sewer line repairs, emergency repairs for particularly significant health/safety conditions, and adaptations for handicapped/frail elderly accessibility.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Repairs and rehabilitation activities to Single-Family Owner-Occupied Low Income Households Housing Units. Includes housing program operational costs: application processing, inspections, procurement, monitoring, etc
5	Project Name	FixUp Mid City 2016

	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	FIXUP! Mid City is Mid City Redevelopment Alliance's (MCRA) owner-occupied housing repair & rehab program. It has been in existence since 1993, when MCRA prioritized assisting existing homeowners with much needed repairs to their homes. The program has contributed greatly to the rise in property values in historically depressed Mid City neighborhoods. All participants are at or below 80% of the area median income. The candidates apply to MCRA and MCRA conducts a site visit, verifies eligibility and develop a work writeup & budget. Once environmental clearance is secured and participant confirmed eligible, MCRA will manage the completion of the project within 45 days. MCRA has performed over 230 FIXUP! Mid City projects since 1993.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Painting and minor repairs to Includes related housing program operational costs: application processing, inspections, procurement, etc
6	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance 2016
	Target Area	HUD 2014 Low/Mod Census Tracks
	Goals Supported	Demolitions
	Needs Addressed	AH -New Housing Development Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Demolition and clearance of vacant, condemned and irreparable properties to address public safety and infrastructure improvement needs.

	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Demolition of vacant, unrepairable and condemned structures
7	Project Name	NOVAC 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Employment Training and Workforce Development
	Needs Addressed	PS -Education Services ED -Workforce Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The New Orleans Video Access Center, Inc (NOVAC) provides film-maker support services, video production services, community film education programs and film industry workforce training.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Film industry and related job training and placement.
8	Project Name	Public Facilities 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Facilities Emergency Shelter Provision

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure PS -Public Services -General
	Funding	CDBG: \$949,040
	Description	2016 allocation for public facility projects including improvements and facilities that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by the government, or owned by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The 2016 public facility allocation will support: 1) Additional funding for the new Council On Aging facility rehabilitation (\$500,000), 2) Funding for the rehabilitation and conversion of the historic Lincoln Theater into a Neighborhood center (\$300,000), and 3) Funding for repairs and renovations to the Youth Oasis emergency shelter facility for homeless youths (\$149,040).
9	Project Name	Interfaith Federation -Holy Grill 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Health Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Health Services PS -Public Services -General
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,000
	Description	Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge operates the HOLY GRILL, a public service which provides hot nutritious meals for low-income residents in the Zion City neighborhood.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funding for the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge to operate its Holy Grill food service program in the Zion City neighborhood.
10	Project Name	Mary Bird Perkins -Mobile Medical Clinic 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Health Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,000
	Description	Funding for the Mary Bird Perkins (MBP) Cancer Center to support operations of its Mobile Medical Clinic in low income areas with in the city parish.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The MBP Cancer Center plans to provide health screening services to 15 locations in the City Parish including within zip codes: 70802, 70805, 70806, 70807, 70808, 70815, 70817, and 70820.
11	Project Name	Mid City Home Ownership Center 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Home Ownership Services Education Services

	Needs Addressed	PS -Education Services AH -Home Buyer Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,000
	Description	Funds provided to the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance to operate its Home Ownership Center to provide home buyer and home owner counseling and services.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Homebuyer training services.
12	Project Name	The Futures Fund 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Education Services Employment Training and Workforce Development
	Needs Addressed	PS -Education Services ED -Workforce Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$56,000
	Description	The Futures Fund is a youth workforce training and public arts initiative by The Force Agency. Casey Phillips, its director has partnered with Southern University and the Southern University Lab School in developing a digital art program.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Futures Fund is a non-profit organization created to break the cycle of economic despair plaguing low-income youth of color in Baton Rouge. The Futures Fund invests in the long-term economic revitalization of the whole city by creating arts-based entrepreneurial opportunities for youth in the North Baton Rouge & Mid City communities, based on demonstrated industry workforce needs.
13	Project Name	Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pharmacy 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Health Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy is our area's prescription bank, making a dramatic impact in the lives of those in need by providing life-sustaining medications. The program addresses the Consolidated Plan's high priority goal of Health Services by providing pharmaceutical and healthcare informational services to special needs populations, including low-income individuals, families with children, elderly, homeless, mentally ill, substance abusers, and persons with HIV/AIDS. In 2015, the SVdP Pharmacy filled over 30,000 prescriptions.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Community Pharmacy will use CDBG public service funding for the purchase of prescription medicines (\$50,000). In addition, we are asking for some operating costs for direct services staffing costs (\$35,000), staff fringe benefits (\$5000), telephone (\$2,000), utilities (\$6,000), and maintenance (\$2,000). This funding helps us to achieve the important Health Services, Senior Services, and Homeless Services priority goals in our City's Consolidated Plan.
14	Project Name	Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Dining Room 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Health Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Health Services PS -Public Services -General
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,000
	Description	The SVdP Dining Room fills a critical gap in our community by being a safety net for those suffering from food insecurity in our city. This program meets the high priority Health Services goal of the City's Consolidated Plan by providing nutritious meals that meet USDA Food Guide Pyramid standards. Their program also addresses the Consolidated Plan's vision of providing services for Homeless, Seniors, Families and Youth (homeless and low-income) by providing a place that these nutritionally at-risk populations can go for a nutritious meal. The SVdP Dining Room makes a significant impact on alleviating hunger, as they are the only community kitchen providing this service every day of the year, serving over 650 meals a day, and over 4,500 meals a week (over 242,000 meals in 2015).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Activities targeted to meet the increased demand for food services in downtown Baton Rouge. CDBG funding for: Kitchen critical staff salaries, program utilities, kitchen supplies, and direct client costs food purchases. The SVdP Dining Room collaborates with many partners, such as the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Flower's Bakery, Pon Food Corp., Calandro's Supermarket, Matherne's Supermarket, Trader Joe's, Chef John Folse & Company, Costco, Albertson's, Whole Foods, Gambino's Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, and St. Joseph's Academy. In addition to these major providers, numerous individuals and small businesses donate food on an ongoing basis. St. Vincent de Paul collaborates with many agencies in serving the needs of the homeless as well.
15	Project Name	UREC -NBR Youth Development Program 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Education Services Employment Training and Workforce Development
	Needs Addressed	PS -Education Services ED -Workforce Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	The Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation's (UREC) North Baton Rouge (NBR) Youth Development Program is a school year and summer program for high school students. Through the program, 20 unduplicated participants will be provided with college preparatory courses, career planning assistance, academic enrichment and summer internship experience. Participants are also offered mentorship from local professionals in the business, government and nonprofit sectors. Students that participate in the NBR Youth Development Program will be afforded the opportunity to become introduced to skills that will prepare them to successfully compete in a rapidly changing global and technology driven economy.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	UREC's North Baton Rouge (NBR) Youth Development Program is a school year and summer program for high school students. Through the program, 20 unduplicated participants will be provided with college preparatory courses, career planning assistance, academic enrichment and summer internship experience. Participants are also offered mentorship from local professionals in the business, government and nonprofit sectors.
16	Project Name	HOME CHDO Activities 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	AH -New Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$160,270
	Description	Development loans in a 1st to 2nd mortgage position to finance homeowner or rental affordable housing developments by City-Parish certified Community Housing & Development Organization's (CHDO). Priority given to developments meeting strategies defined for in-fill development by the FUTUREBR Comprehensive Plan.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing development activities undertaken by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's)
17	Project Name	Homebuyer Loans 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Home buyer Loans
	Needs Addressed	AH -Home Buyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$458,236

	Description	The Home-buyer Loan Program provides 2nd Mortgage (soft second) loans to low income home-buyers who have successfully completed an approved home-buyer certification class and has been approved for a loan by a participating lender. The amount of loan assistance is no longer a fixed amount, but is subject to Home-buyer Assistance Program (HAP) loan underwriting criteria.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Homebuyer loans
18	Project Name	HOME Housing Development Loans 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing AH -New Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$1,408,633
	Description	Development loans in a 1st to 2nd mortgage position to finance homeowner or rental affordable housing developments. Priority given to developments meeting strategies defined for in-fill development by the FUTUREBR Comprehensive Plan.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Affordable homeowner and/or rental housing development
19	Project Name	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) 2016
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing Assistance
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rental Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000
	Description	HOME funds used for tenant-based rental assistance to supplement existing Section 8 housing Chioce Voucher program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance
20	Project Name	ESG16 City of Baton Rouge
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	ESG: \$309,057

	Description	The 2016 Federal Fiscal Year allocation of HESG funds for the City of Baton Rouge of \$262,197 plus \$46,860 in reallocation of prior year HESG funds is planned to provide outreach to persons living on the streets, operational cost of shelters, provide utility assistance, emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness, rapid rehousing, program administration and HMIS reporting. Funds used for street outreach and emergency shelter activities will be limited to 60% of the 2016 HESG allocation minus program administration allocation (7.5%) to comply with program regulation under 24 CFR 576.100(b). Proposed activity budgets by category are; Administration -\$19,664, Street Outreach -\$1,000, Emergency Shelter -\$144,519, Homeless Prevention -\$49,900, Rapid Re-Housing -\$58,974, and HMIS Reporting -\$35,000.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The provision of emergency shelter, street outreach, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, HMIS reporting, and program administration activities.
21	Project Name	HAART -HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$750,000
	Description	HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two, Inc. (HAART) was awarded HOPWA funding for the provision of supportive services assistance for case management staff, operating costs assistance for utilities, insurance, equipment and supplies, tenant base rental assistance, project based rental assistance, and operational and administrative assistance.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance, rapid rehousing, homeless person overnight shelter, and HIV/AIDS housing program operations
22	Project Name	BRABAC Metro Health -HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$110,000
	Description	The Baton Rouge Area Black Alcoholism Council (BRABAC) was awarded funding for its Metro Health program to provide supportive services, operating costs, and project sponsor administrative assistance associated with the delivery of its program services to persons with HIV/AIDS.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and HIV/AIDS housing program operations
23	Project Name	OLOL -St Anthony's Home (HOPWA) 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA

	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$90,000
	Description	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center Immunological Support Program runs St. Anthony's Home. St. Anthony's Home provides shelter and services including supported living, around the clock nursing assistants for care and assistance with daily living, coordination and management of complex medical and mental health needs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HIV/AIDS housing program operations
24	Project Name	DHDS Office of Social Services HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$200,000
	Description	The City-Parish Office of Human Services and Development (DHDS) Office of Social Services was awarded \$200,000 to provide short-term rental assistance to low income individuals and families under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program. The Office of Social Services is the designated Community Action Agency for East Baton Rouge Parish.

	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance
25	Project Name	Volunteers of America HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$800,000
	Description	Volunteers of America was awarded funding to provide supportive services, operating costs, tenant-based rental assistance, rehabilitation assistance and project sponsor administrative assistance associated with the delivery of program services.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance, homeless prevention services, and HIV/AIDS housing program operations
26	Project Name	La Health and Rehab Center HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA

	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$213,063
	Description	Louisiana Health & Rehab Center / Reality House was awarded funding for supportive services assistance, operating cost assistance, housing informational assistance and administrative costs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HIV/AIDS housing program operations
27	Project Name	BRAADC HOPWA 2016
	Target Area	Baton Rouge MSA
	Goals Supported	Health Services Homeless Prevention Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention PS -Health Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$700,000
	Description	The Baton Rouge Area Alcohol & Drug Center was awarded funding to provide supportive services, operating costs, and project sponsor administrative assistance associated with the delivery of its program services.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HIV/AIDS housing program operations
28	Project Name	DDRF-Housing Repairs/Reconstruction
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$3,676,223
	Description	The City proposes to assist homeowners that are currently on the waiting list for the City's Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR) and have damages from the flood event based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) data. Once the waiting list has been addressed, the City will accept applications from homeowners not currently eligible under the State homeowner program. The City will establish a policy to identify the priorities given to those homeowners to be addressed with available funding. The City will work closely with the State to ensure there is no duplication of efforts in order to address the increased need between both City and State homeowner rehabilitation programs. Only low to moderate income homeowners at or below 80% LMI will be served.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 Single-Family (SF) Owner-Occupied (OO) family households
	Location Description	CDBG jurisdictional area
	Planned Activities	Repairs and/or reconstruction of existing housing
29	Project Name	DDRF-Rental Housing Repairs/Lease

	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	AH -Rehabilitation of Existing Housing AH -New Housing Development
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$3,676,223
	Description	The City proposes to repair or make improvements to existing multifamily housing units or structures that can be converted to multifamily housing units to increase housing options/stock. The program would support single family units, duplexes, triplexes and large multi-family structures, much like the FEMA Multifamily Lease and Repair Program (MLRP) under which only multi-family structures with 5 or more units are eligible. Following the FEMA model, the City's program guidelines would require an eighteen-month (18) lease period. Additionally, in return for the assistance, landlords will be required to sign an agreement using HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program occupancy and affordability guidelines. Only low to moderate income homeowners at or below 80% LMI will be served.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	44 low to moderate income family households
	Location Description	The CDBG jurisdictional area.
	Planned Activities	Repairs to existing multifamily housing units or structures that can be converted to multifamily housing units.
30	Project Name	DDRF-Title Assistance
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Home Ownership Services
	Needs Addressed	PS -Public Services -General
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$500,000

	Description	The City proposes to assist low to moderate homeowners with obtaining clear title therefore making them eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program and other housing programs. Many low to moderate income homeowners do not have a clear title nor can they afford the legal services necessary to obtain a clear title.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Single-Family (SF) low to moderate income households
	Location Description	CDBG jurisdictional area.
	Planned Activities	Title clearing activities for low to moderate income family households.
31	Project Name	DDRF-Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area
	Goals Supported	Emergency Shelter Provision
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$1,000,000
	Description	The City proposes to allocate monies to assist the homeless by increasing, extending or restoring the number of shelter beds available for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated the project provide for 20 new beds as emergency shelter assistance for the homeless.
	Location Description	CDBG jurisdictional area
	Planned Activities	The expansion of public facilities to provide for additional homeless beds.
32	Project Name	DDRF-BR General Administration
	Target Area	Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area

	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$1,106,556
	Description	The State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (State) will deliver the previously outlined eligible activities on behalf of the City. While implementing the programs, the state will comply with appropriate federal grant provisions. The City will monitor the performance of the State and perform grant close-out. Pre-award activities for which the State is tasked entail working with City to assist with preparing the amended Consolidated Plan and Action Plan and developing an Unmet Needs Analysis. Costs for pre-award activities are eligible and will not affect future CDBG grants as they are specifically related to the implementation of the DDRF grant.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	*Not applicable to Planning and Administration activities.
	Location Description	*Not applicable to Planning and Administration activities.
	Planned Activities	Planning and administration.
33	Project Name	DDRF-State General Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG-DDRF: \$1,103,556

Description	The State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (State) will deliver the previously outlined eligible activities on behalf of the City. While implementing the programs, the state will comply with appropriate federal grant provisions. The City will monitor the performance of the State and perform grant close-out. Pre-award activities for which the State is tasked entail working with City to assist with preparing the amended Consolidated Plan and Action Plan and developing an Unmet Needs Analysis. Costs for pre-award activities are eligible and will not affect future CDBG grants as they are specifically related to the implementation of the DDRF grant.
Target Date	9/30/2019
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	*Not applicable to Planning and Administration activities.
Location Description	*Not applicable to Planning and Administration activities.
Planned Activities	Planning and Administration activities.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

All areas of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge are under the jurisdiction of the Grantee except the incorporated areas of the Cities of Baker, Zackary, and Central. Those areas fall under the umbrella of the Louisiana State grantee's jurisdiction.

The Baton Rouge area owes its geographical importance to its site upon the Istrouma Bluff, the first natural bluff upriver from the Mississippi River Delta. In the 1950s and 1960s the region experienced a boom in the petrochemical industry, causing the city to expand away from the original center. In recent years, government and business have begun a move back to the central district. A building boom that began in the 1990s continues today, with many downtown improvement projects being completed recently.

The age of the city is reflected in the aging housing stock. Areas of the greatest concentrations of poverty are typically mirrored by areas of aging housing and minority concentration. These are the areas of greatest need. Refer to the "Maps" section for a detailed view of these relationships.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Parish-Wide CDBG-HOME-HESG Jurisdictional Area	100
HUD 2014 Low/Mod Census Tracks	90
Baton Rouge MSA	100
Home Buyer Target Area	90

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The basis for allocating investment geographically is to meet the needs of the lowest income residents, particularly in areas of low income concentration. As a general rule, program activities and resources are made available parish-wide, except for the incorporated areas of the cities of Baker, Zachary and Central.

As coordination with nonprofit and neighborhood organizations is expanded, it is anticipated that each organization will develop a specific geographic or target population for affordable housing. The City-Parish Office of Community Development (OCD) intends to support and promote such capacity building as an opportunity to expand upon resources and service delivery.

Discussion

While it is planned that a portion of housing resources will remain available parish-wide in order to provide diversity of housing choices, it is also anticipated that incentives and preferences will be provided to encourage high impact neighborhood-based revitalization efforts and redevelopment of

abandoned property or vacant land within lower income neighborhoods. Such policies are integral to the City-Parish smart growth philosophy.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The affordable housing objectives for the Consolidated Plan are based on a five-year time frame. The jurisdiction proposes to use the available housing funds for programs that will provide decent housing for persons with cost burdens and substandard housing. Some of the programs are restricted to the 0-30% MFI households; some are restricted to the under 50% MFI households, and some are available to households with incomes up to 80% MFI. All programs are designed with the intent to: 1) improve and preserve the existing stock of affordable housing, 2) to increase the stock of available affordable housing, and 3) to increase the ability of persons to afford standard housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1,265
Non-Homeless	140
Special-Needs	516
Total	1,921

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	1,806
The Production of New Units	9
Rehab of Existing Units	106
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,921

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

A Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant application was approved in the current fiscal year (2014) and plans are to submit a Choice Neighborhood Initiatives implementation grant in the next funding round. Preliminary plans for Ardenwood Village call for major rehabilitation on the existing site or new construction of public housing within the “Ardendale” boundaries.

The Housing Authority recently completed the conversion of its Roosevelt Terrace housing project into a "RAD" development. The project converts housing projects into mixed income project based voucher developments.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Public Housing is directly managed, including maintenance services, by the PHA. The EBRPHA has policies in place that govern agency operations. Policies include: The Public Housing Admissions and Occupancy Policy (ACOP) including a rent policy, pet policy, community service policy, banning policy, debt repayment policy, VAWA policy, and transfer and reasonable accommodations policy. The EBR Housing Authority is improving the management of public housing by implementing a new information system, and by converting to a project-based management and finance system. It is seeking to stretch decreasing funds to meet the need for housing and housing related services for the low income and extremely low income populations. It is pursuing a strategy of selective demolition of obsolete and dilapidated public housing and the acquisition and rehabilitation of apartments and construction of low density scattered site housing. Both the EBRPHA and the City of Baton Rouge operate a Section 8 Voucher Home Ownership Program. To date there are twenty-two (22) home owner participants.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Neither the EBRPHA nor OCD is listed as "Troubled" by HUD. OCD has continued to make tremendous progress in maintaining a high monthly PIC scores with the timely administration of Housing Choice Voucher (HCVP) participant's list. Various training/workshops have increased the staff's capacity to administer the program more effectively and efficiency.

New software is being used to address timely recertification's and Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections. The staff has worked tirelessly to improve the PIC performance scores.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Nonprofit organizations were awarded street outreach funds under the Emergency Solutions Grant to have case managers to perform street outreach activities throughout the East Baton Rouge Parish. The case managers will build relationships with homeless individuals and families living on the streets and perform assessments for homeless persons in the field and link them to shelter and services to meet their needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Case Management is an integral part of the delivery of services to the homeless. These services are very instrumental in the provision of the total “continuum of care” required to assist homeless persons with the transition from emergency or transitional shelter to permanent housing and independent living.

Case Management includes the provision of job training, counseling, adult education, job development, health services, transportation, daily living skills, and child care. The OCD focuses on the extent to which basic shelter is coordinated with services and delivery capacity and to which it integrates short-term with longer-term self-sufficiency goals as its method of setting priorities for its homeless activities.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The process of transitioning to independent living is seen as generally a 3-step mechanism: 1) address the immediate shelter needs of homeless 2) initiate services to address the causes of the homelessness in coordination with non-shelter transitional housing, and 3) transition to independent permanent housing) living as the person or household establishes a satisfactory level of self-sufficiency through case management.

The OCD has embraced the Housing First model, which has three (3) components: 1) crisis intervention, emergency services, screening and needs assessment 2) permanent housing services and 3) case management services. Several of the homeless providers have implemented this model within their shelter, transitional and permanent housing programs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Health Care - The One Stop Homeless Services Center has developed a relationship with several hospitals that includes appropriate referral for services to persons discharged from hospitals who were homeless prior to admission. The CoC has adopted the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals discharge plan and is working with local hospitals for its full implementation. Social work staff at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and the Baton Rouge General Regional Medical Center coordinates with the patient, any families/friends, and service provider agencies to identify appropriate low-income and special needs housing for the patient in order to not discharge to the street or a place not meant for human habitation. If a patient has Medicaid and the placement is warranted, they go to nursing homes or other short-term placements for housing needs.

Mental Health - CoC agencies work with mental health facility social workers to ensure patients are not routinely discharged into homelessness. The One Stop Homeless Services Center has developed a relationship with several facilities that include appropriate referral for services to persons discharged who were homeless prior to admission. The One Stop Homeless Services Center routinely fields calls for housing options and directs mental health workers to appropriate resources. Mental Health facilities work with the patients, family members, mental health treatment programs, and private psychiatrists to ensure patients discharged from publicly funded mental health facilities are not discharged into homelessness. Patients are routinely discharged to licensed facilities or mental health housing programs. The largest provider of non-McKinney-Vento funded mental health housing is Options Foundation (which does have one McKinney-Vento program).

Foster Care- In the Foster Care system, the efforts to avoid discharge into homelessness for youth involves a continuum of care system which includes case workers, attorneys, CASA workers, Department of Children and Family Services, foster family and the judicial court. Youth Oasis has a youth shelter and transitional housing facility to assist youth in transitional to independent living. Youth Facilities - The effort to avoid discharge into homelessness includes the youth and their case manager, CASA workers, attorneys, Department of Children and Family Services, the Judicial Court, the fostering family, and parents/guardians working on a long term plan. Louisiana also has a program for youth exiting at age 18 to continue working with foster care on a voluntary basis while they pursue education or vocational training. This program is available up to age 21. Youth Oasis, while operating a McKinney- Vento funded program, also has funding to serve youth aging out of Foster Care.

Corrections - The Baton Rouge CoC works collaboratively with Capital Area Re-Entry Coalition (CAPARC) to ensure that ex-offenders are not routinely discharged into homelessness. CAPARC is a coalition of service providers who work with and mentor those exiting Corrections. Their efforts begin prior to release and continue with supports on the outside. CoC Housing Location providers supply information about non-McKinney-Vento Housing to network. The CoC is also working with the Discharge Planning Group of the Louisiana Department of Corrections. Probation and Parole Community Resource

Coordinator, Reception and Diagnostic Center personnel, Transition Specialist, offenders, family members, various courts, and the CAPARC Service Providers work together as stakeholders and/or collaborating agencies to ensure the offender being released is not discharged into homelessness.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (l)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	290
Tenant-based rental assistance	100
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	32
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	94
Total	516

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing are identified in the Market Analysis section of the five year CPS including the negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment. Strategies to ameliorate barriers to affordable housing are outlined in section SP-55 of the plan.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Barriers to affordable housing are encountered by homeowners, renters, and developers as a result of several combating factors that are intensified by the growing number of low income households. For instance, Louisiana's minimum wage rate has remained the same since 2009 while the average cost of living in East Baton Rouge has risen. Some of the most common barriers to affordable housing identified include: local zoning barriers, increasing housing values, lack of existing affordable housing, escalating interest rates on loans, unwillingness of property owners to accept Section 8 subsidies, rising rental costs, an insufficient number of rental units and development regulations.

During the program year 2016 the OCD has a number of projects proposed to address identified barriers to affordable housing. The Homebuyer Loan Program will continue providing gap financing to homebuyers through the use of HOME program funds. The program reduces the cost of acquiring a home and makes homeownership feasible when otherwise it may not be. HOME funds will also be used to develop new affordable housing under the Housing Development Program and through funds that will be provided to Community Housing and Development Organizations (CHDO) for housing development projects. A new HOME funded project is planned for tenant-based rental assistance which is expected to provide thirty (30) vouchers, supplementing OCD's existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. CDBG funds will be used for demolition activities in low income areas to raze vacant, deteriorated, and condemned housing which pose a threat to public health and safety and provide a haven for crime. The Demolition Program addresses the need for infrastructure improvements and readies properties for infill development in low income neighborhoods. CDBG funds will also be used for improvements to existing single-family owner-occupied properties making existing housing more sustainable.

The City Parish OCD will continue to support the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) program applications for affordable housing projects. This program removes a disincentive to rehabilitate existing structures by allowing local property taxes to be fixed at pre-rehabilitation values. OCD will also seek to redesign and reinstate a permit fee waiver program for new construction of affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Although the City-Parish provides assistance to homeless shelters, shelter caseworkers say there are barriers hindering their efforts to move homeless individuals toward self-sufficiency. The lack of decent, low cost housing, single room occupancy units and adequate transportation are just a few barriers. Also, the requirement for credit references is often an obstacle to persons and families attempting to obtain rental housing after a period of homelessness. Furthermore, persons with a history of mental illness and who are homeless, often encounter difficulty obtaining rental housing. The needs of the community have consistently outnumbered the funds available for support.

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of sufficient CDBG funds to address all the non-housing needs. The demand for facilities and services continues to be greater than the resources available to provide them. This problem is illustrated by the large number of projects with high needs that cannot be funded due to lack of available funds. The Office of Community Development completed a request for proposals (RFP) process for its CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds during program year. Many proposals went unfunded due to the lack of funding availability. In addition, the decline in local revenues and cut backs in State funding have increased the need for CDBG funds.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Metropolitan Council's adoption and support of the program year 2016 Action Plan will facilitate the maintenance, development and provision of affordable housing in the City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge.

The City-Parish Office of Community Development currently provides a number of federally funded programs aimed at maintaining, improving and adding to the community's inventory of affordable housing. OCD's Homebuyer Assistance Program provides direct financial assistance to low income homebuyers. OCD provides grants to help low-income homeowners make everything from weatherization improvements and small emergency repairs to complete rehabilitations of their homes. OCD also offers Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Rental Assistance and in program year 2016 plans to supplement its HCV program with HOME funds to provide an estimated 30 additional vouchers. In addition, OCD also provides loans to developers who build new affordable housing and rehabilitate existing structures. The lack of available low income housing tax credits has been detrimental to the industry. Federal disaster relief funding that came in the wake of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike, plus additional federal funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has helped with that problem but not cured it altogether. Perhaps only an improved national economy can revive the market for those tax credits.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program rule (RRP: 40 CFR 745) required that beginning April 22, 2010 contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must

follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. EPA requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 built homes, child care facilities and schools be certified by EPA- approved training providers to follow lead-safe practices.

The OCD maintains compliance with EPA's RRP with regard to the certification of in house carpentry crews and also by obtaining certification as a firm in accordance with program requirements. Likewise all contractors performing work for OCD projects of target housing (older than 1978) are required to provide documentation of compliance with RRP program guidelines certification.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Baton Rouge – Parish of East Baton Rouge plans to fund the maximum amount allowed under public services to assist in reducing the number of poverty level families in the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas. CDBG Public Service funds will be used to assist low income families for transportation, job skills training, case management, financial literacy, and other support services. The City will continue to partner with public and private entities to produce affordable housing and related services for low income individuals and families.

The City of Baton Rouge plans to reduce the number of families in poverty through additional strategies such as: (1) continue funding for housing, community and economic development programs and services to low income residents (2) continue to support services to homeless families and families at risk of homelessness to increase housing options; (3) continued support of information and referral networks to allow easier access to community resources; (4) dissemination information about programs such as Head Start, Earn Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other programs (TANF, Food Stamps, Workforce Investment Administration and Medicaid). (6) Providing funding for community development projects to assist low income residents to obtain skills and jobs needed to become self-sufficient.

The City of Baton Rouge will continue its collaborative efforts to build the capacity of individuals, families and community organizations creating suitable living environments, reducing the growth of poverty and increasing economic development opportunities through continued support of public service programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The OCD will maintain communication with the agencies parish wide to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of services. A number of public and private social services, mental health, youth, health care, and other agencies operate within the parish, each typically providing services of a particular type and to particular populations. In carrying out affordable and supportive housing strategies, it is often necessary to coordinate housing assistance with other needs, particularly services that enable individuals to become and remain self-sufficient and which contribute to community stability and revitalization.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The OCD will maintain communication with the agencies parish wide to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of services. A number of public and private social services, mental health, youth, health care, and other agencies operate within the parish, each typically providing services of a

particular type and to particular populations. In carrying out affordable and supportive housing strategies, it is often necessary to coordinate housing assistance with other needs, particularly services that enable individuals to become and remain self-sufficient and which contribute to community stability and revitalization.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	350,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	350,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

No other forms of HOME fund investment are being undertaken other than those identified under this plan.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

*Please see the Attached City-Parish of East Baton Rouge – Office of Community Development (OCD) Resale and Recapture Provisions

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

*Please see the Attached City-Parish of East Baton Rouge – Office of Community Development (OCD) Resale and Recapture Provisions

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

No HOME funds are being used or planned to be used to refinance existing debt.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
 - a. Standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under ESG. -Each household shall receive an initial consultation and eligibility assessment with a case manager or like representative who can determine eligibility for homelessness prevention assistance; Individuals/families must be at imminent risk of homelessness according to HUD's definition of homelessness, Individuals/families must have an annual income at or below 30% of AMI, Individuals/families must lack sufficient resources and support networks to retain housing without ESG assistance.
 - b. Policies and procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential services providers, homelessness prevention providers and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers. -The City of Baton Rouge in collaboration with the CoC has established a process for coordination among homeless service providers through the CoC One Stop Center. The One Stop Center is the city's centralized intake and referral hub whereby consumers may obtain resource information and linkages to mainstream service and housing providers. The One Stop Center receives and issues referrals from a variety of non-homeless service providers such as Louisiana 211, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority, Office of Family Support, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Coordinated intake and referral efforts are being further developed through HMIS. The CoC coordinates with two local universities as well as various faith based groups to expand outreach and accessibility in acquiring prevention and re-housing services. Louisiana State University plans to open a Homeless Law clinic at the One Stop Center for students to serve clients. The students will assist in expanding the number of homeless clients who receive representation at the SSI/SSDI application phase.
 - c. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance. -Individuals/families must meet the general eligibility criteria as stated above in section (a) in addition to the following additional risk factors: must be at imminent risk of homelessness (within 7-14 days), possess an eviction/foreclosure notice from an accredited property owner or housing provider, and household income is below 30% of Area Median Income due to a sudden and significant loss of income due to loss of employment or federal financial benefits.
 - d. Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention assistance. -ESG providers are encouraged to utilize various kinds of financial assistance subsidy types (sliding scale, percentage of income, etc.) to help encourage the participant to become independent and increase long-term housing stability. Individual assistance may be determined on a case-by-case basis.

- e. Standards for determining the length of rental assistance and whether and how the assistance will be adjusted over time. -The provision of emergency financial assistance to help Individuals or families to quickly stabilize their housing situation shall include: Rental Assistance (6-month maximum, up to 3 months arrears and/or 3 months rental assistance); Rental Deposits; Utility Assistance (6-month maximum, up to 3 months arrears and /or 3 months utility assistance); and, Utility Deposits. It is anticipated that most clients will receive 3 months of ongoing assistance; however, individual assistance will be determined case-by-case.
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC is working to implement a pilot Centralized Assessment for Homeless Service Providers. Service providers housed at the continuum's new One Stop Homeless Services Center in conjunction with our HMIS vendor guide this process. A common intake form has been designed that incorporates the required data elements and client specific data that will allow for appropriate referral to member agencies across the Continuum. All ESG-funded programs within the Continuum of Care's area are required to use the assessment system. Victim service providers may choose not to use the coordinated system; however, they must have a comparable client level database.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of Baton Rouge uses the competitive request for proposal process to solicit eligible nonprofit organizations or units of local government interested in ESG funding. The competitive process entails the City advertising a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) requesting proposals from nonprofit organizations. In addition, all known current and past sub-grantees, as well as member organizations of the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless (Baton Rouge CoC) are provided a written notice of funding availability and proposal submission packages. The City hosts a pre-submission conference for prospective applicants in which staff addresses any questions or concerns regarding the application package. After the pre-submission conference is complete, and the submission deadline has ended, an evaluation committee will rate/score the proposals according to a checklist of pre-determined criteria in addition to an evaluation of past performance outcomes. Staff forwards the recommendations through OCD administrators to the Mayor-President's Office.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

In compliance with Section 576.406(a) of the Interim Rule, the City of Baton Rouge requires all of its sub-recipients to provide for the participation of at least one homeless or formerly homeless person on the Board of Directors or similar entity that considers and sets policy or makes decisions for the recipient agency. In instances where sub-recipients are unable to meet this requirement, the subrecipient agrees to consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons in making policy or decisions. In addition, this involvement includes the participants' employment or volunteering in project activities such as

construction, renovation maintenance, and general operations of the facility such as staffing the reception desk.

Many sub-recipients have become very creative in this regard in ways such as soliciting the involvement of homeless/formerly homeless individuals in greeting or welcoming patrons to the newly created One Stop Homeless Services Center. The One Stop serves as a triage entry point for individuals seeking homeless assistance and services. Another sub-recipient was looking for a side business that would provide clients with work experience while bringing in extra money for the facility and began a lawn-care company specializing in jobs too big for people who only cut grass but too small for the big landscaping companies. Such endeavors have become trailblazers in opening doors to additional creative concepts.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance standards for ESG sub-recipients have been developed in consultation with the Continuum of Care and in accordance with Section 427 of the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the HEARTH Act. The purpose of these performance standards is to provide a measure for the City and the Continuum of Care to evaluate each ESG sub-recipient's effectiveness based on outcomes. The City proposes the following performance objectives under the Emergency Solutions Grant.

- Targeting homelessness prevention resources toward those in most need
- Reducing the number of persons/households exiting to the streets or emergency shelters
- Increasing housing stability through linkages with jobs and income growth

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to track outcomes associated with the above objectives. The capacity to collect and enter data into HMIS is an essential component within the local continuum.

NOFA and RFP submissions and selection process

As part of the City-Parish Action Plan 2016 planning process, a large ad serving as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for program year 2016 funds and a Request for Proposals (RFP) was placed in the newspaper of greatest circulation, The Advocate. In addition, the public notice schedule was placed on the OCD Web site and through email notices to non-profit and for-profit service providers and members within the housing industry. Metro Council members were notified of the process and timeline so that they could convey the information to their constituents. Flyers distributed to local churches, community centers and libraries notified the public of the hearings as well. All public hearings are held in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Council's (CAC) meetings, which is part of the OCD citizen participation plan. Information on the RFP process for 2016 grant funds (CDBG, HOME, HESG, state ESG & HOPWA) was presented at the first two public hearings related to the AP 2016 including activity eligibility requirements, funding categories and thresholds. Lastly, contact information was gathered at the hearings to add to the ongoing database of contact information from those interested in receiving a RFP package. OCD held a pre-submission workshop to address questions related to the NOFA and RFP on 05/02/2016. In all, 43 proposals were received. Proposals were scored and ranked and projects were selected for program year 2016 funding based on criteria which were made available to applicants in the RFP packages.

Attachments

Public Comments
Received Related to the Development of the
CITY OF BATON ROUGE & PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
ACTION PLAN 2016

Introduction: The OCD solicited public input to the CPS 2015-2019 through a community needs survey posted on the City-Parish web site during the planning phase. The entire citizen participation plan has been made public as part of the CPS. In 2013, HUD New Orleans Field Office assisted the City of Baton Rouge by conducting an in-depth Community Needs Assessment as a part of HUD's effort to institutionalize best practices in achieving HUD's Strategic Goals. Community partners, citizens, and stakeholder including non-profits, for-profit, and elected officials participated in a series of community roundtable discussions and cluster meetings in 2013, 2014, and 2015. This process helped identify specific issues and needs, resources to address issues, and finally to identify gaps in needs and resources. The four top priorities identified were: Education, Housing, Workforce Development, and Health.

Three public hearings were held during the development of the Action Plan 2016. Two were held in conjunction with Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meetings on March 3rd, and May 5th, 2016. The third and final public hearing was held in conjunction with the City Parish Council meeting and vote on July 27, 2016. Provisions were made for persons requiring special assistance or accommodations at the public hearings and for receipt of comments through voice and TDD Phone support. Comments were also accepted via e-mail at OCD@brgov.com.

Written comments are accepted at any time, but in order to be considered in the Action Plan for Program Year 2016, the comments must have been received no later than 4 p.m. on July 22, 2016.

The first two public hearings were opened by explaining that the purpose of the hearing was to seek public input on what our community's needs are and how best to allocate HUD entitlement grant dollars. Those in attendance were reminded that although three public hearings will be held related to the Action Plan 2016, questions and comments can be submitted to OCD at any time by emailing our office. Questions, comments and responses received during the public hearings and the development of this plan are listed below.

Question/Comment: Because O'Brien House serve the indigent and homeless individuals, we feel this is an area that merits priority funding for homelessness. Please recap how the dollars were allocated last year.

Answer/Response: Last year's funds were allocated through a RFP process. Various projects selected for funding last program year can be found on OCD website and included: HOME funding for a Rental Housing development in the Zion City neighborhood, CDBG funds were used for OCD's homeowner repair programs, SVDP Pharmacy, OLOL Mary Bird Perkins, NOVAC for job training, Mid-City Redevelopment's Homeownership Center, HOPWA and ESG funds were awarded to various sub-recipients. CDBG eligible activities include economic development, public services, public facilities, and housing repairs..

Question/Comment: When you say repair program, is that for individual homes or multifamily projects?

Answer/Response: It can be for both, CDBG funds are most commonly used for homeowner repairs

Question/Comment: Were most of the homes repaired for senior citizens?

Answer/Response: Yes. Over 30,000 people owning homes in the parish are living in substandard housing. Almost half the population living in the parish are spending half of their income on housing.

Question/Comment: How many houses do you do repairs on last year?

Answer/Response: About 35-50 houses last year.

Question/Comment: What is the average cost of repairing the houses?

Answer/Response: We don't exceed \$25,000 per household. What that means is there are a lot of houses that won't get repaired. The more we spend per house, the fewer houses get repaired and fewer households receive assistance.

Question/Comment: So you're saying if the total exceed \$25,000 then you can't touch it. Are there partnerships?

Answer/Response: Yes, if the major repair exceeds \$25,000 then we can't touch it. Yes, we partner with many organizations including Rebuild Together, churches, Habitat and others.

Question/Comment: Assisting people with disabilities – I know you assist elders, what if a tragic accident happens and a young person become disabled or handicapped – are there programs to help assist the handicap or disable person when the home must be modified.

Answer/Response: Yes, there are programs available. The purpose of today's meeting is for you tell us what you want to do instead asking about programs available. If you say you want money designated to an eligible activity – now is the time to say so. We also are able to fund health services.

Question/Comment: We are starting to see an influx of homelessness with students and it makes it difficult for them to stay in school. It's starting to become a serious issue. We are speaking with HUD now to see if there are housing vouchers that can be put aside when our students become homeless. Often students are living out their cars after being evicted. Some students are living off their financial aid and it is not enough to carry them to the end of the semester until they get their financial aid for the next semester.

Answer/Response: There are funds available through the Emergency Solutions Grant for Homeless prevention that may be available to address this issue.

Question/Comment: We are seeking Continuum of Care funding to establish a program that includes house skills and skill training as well as support such as housing assistance. Can we get funding to support these programs?

Answer/Response: These are eligible activities, though not the subject of this public hearing. You should contact the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless for questions concerning local SHP/COC program funding.

Question/Comment: Q: CAPARC and BRCC has partnered, so if we want to create a training program for returning citizens – is that a program you would fund?

Answer/Response: A: Yes, it is a project that we could fund, but we can't say that it will get funded at this time.

Question/Comment: We stay in a heavily concentrated area designated as poverty with heavy blight. How do we pursue partnerships to increase the number of affordable units in our area?

Answer/Response: To stay with why we are here – you can state what you would like the money spent in your area.

Question/Comment: I would like to see resources given to non-profits and developers in the Gardere Area for affordable housing development and to fight blight.

Question/Comment: My area of concern is education – I would like to see more early childhood centers in the 70805 area because it is an education desert and would also like to see more support for Istrouma High School.

Question/Comment: Would like to see money allocated to help establish alternative transportation for those citizens re-entry into the community to get back and forth to jobs.

Question/Comment: We'd like to see homeless services and transitional housing. In looking at the four different entitlement programs and your RFP applications, the CDBG appears as a possible funding source. Do you think I should apply for CDBG or just focus on ESG?

Answer/Response: You can apply for CDBG or ESG. We're not able to tell you which would be most appropriate at this time. You could apply for both.

Question/Comment: You mentioned housing rehabilitation. Will some technical assistance be given for applying for that?

Answer/Response: Yes, technical assistance may be available, but today's meeting is not about the 2016 NOFA/RFP. There will be a pre-submission workshop held in conjunction with the 2016 NOFA/RFP.

Question/Comment: What is the budget set aside for economic development?

Answer/Response: There is no set budget aside for economic development. That is something you ask for, but there is a percentage we cannot exceed.

Question/Comment: We would like to see money going to the Baton Rouge Food Bank to help our students who are having food challenges on campus.

Question/Comment: We would like to see improvements in the North Baton Rouge area such as the entrance to the Southern University Campus. Also, more opportunities for economic development, health services and affordable housing.

Question/Comment: Will like to move out of leased facilities and provide new facilities to actually provide funds to build new headstart facilities.

Question/Comment: DPW is doing a good job with trash pickup in my area. People are not aware of how to properly put their trash out for pickup. It was suggested using the public announcement broadcast system to advertise these types of meetings. Also more employees are needed to help in the community. Your agency can help purchase them a truck.

Question/Comment: In the North Baton Rouge area, funds should be given to help parents dealing with challenges of raising children in the 70805. Also, adult education and wrap around services.

Question/Comment: I've noticed new housing construction in the North Baton Rouge area – where is that money coming from?

Answer/Response: It maybe State tax credits or other State funding.

Community Needs Identified on “Comment Cards”

- Analyzing and dissemination of Information
- Adult Education in the 70805 area
- Parenting training
- Activities for youth after school
- Support for the EBR Food Bank
- Construction workforce training for reentry
- Support for early childhood centers in 70805
- Support for Istrouma High School and other education efforts in 70805
- N Baton Rouge Homelessness assistance

- Provide technical assistance in preparing project proposal applications
- Financial assistance for low income community college students who are homeless or experiencing housing issues and food challenges
- Creation of a Reentry Center for Capital Area Reentry Coalition and Training, Housing, Transportation, Case Management, Education services to reentry persons
- Limits raised for housing Rehabs above \$25,000.
- Economic development in North Baton Rouge
- Capacity funding of non-profits serving reentry population
- Employers engaged in reentry programs
- Priority to services to homeless and indigent persons in recovery from addiction and alcoholism through treatment, transitional housing, job readiness, relapse prevention, and community re-integration.
- Technical assistance to non-profits
- Transitional housing and transportation services for Reentry persons
- Funding for CHDO's
- CHDO Operating Support
- Developmental funding for construction projects
- Volunteer rehabilitation projects performed by non-profit partners
- Homebuyer training and counseling
- Rental and homeownership housing opportunities
- Non-profit property improvement
- Critical home repairs for low income homeowners to insure the health, safety, and accessibility of the home.
- Homeownership assistance for low and very low income citizens
- Increased code enforcement for blighted and abandoned properties
- Rehabilitation and revitalization of single and multifamily housing and the elimination of blighted property in the Gardere Area
- A city bus hub developed in the Gardere area for increased access to essential services
- Job training in the Gardere area
- Economic Development in the North Baton Rouge Area
- Beautification to the entrance to Southern University
- Movie Theater in North Baton Rouge
- Major Business and Economic Development in the North Baton Rouge area

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Grantee Unique Appendices

1. Resale /Recapture Provisions

Resale / Recapture Provisions

City-Parish of East Baton Rouge – Office of Community Development (OCD) Resale and Recapture Provisions

These guidelines apply when a homebuyer or developer is assisted with HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and the homebuyer sells or transfers the assisted property subsequent to the initial HOME assisted purchase.

Period of Affordability

Consistent with 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(4), the following minimum period of affordability shall be enforced:

HOME Amount per Unit	Minimum Period of Affordability
Under \$15,000	5 years
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10 years
Over \$40,000	15 years
*New Construction of Rental Housing	20 years
*Refinancing of Rental Housing	15 years

OCD may use HOME Program funds to provide homeownership assistance. The forms of subsidy to be used to assist homebuyers and/or developers include down payment assistance, interest subsidy, development cost subsidy, direct loan, project grant, or some combination of these methods. OCD shall determine, based upon the type of subsidy, form of ownership, and type of market in which the property is located, whether the period of affordability shall be enforced by either Resale or Recapture provisions.

Resale Provisions

A. Activity Types - Resale provisions as outlined in 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5)(i)(A) and (B) shall be required or encouraged in the following cases:

- Resale provisions shall be required when the HOME subsidy is provided in the form of a development subsidy in which HOME funds are divided among each HOME-assisted unit and not provided as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer.
- Resale provisions shall be encouraged when the HOME subsidy is provided in the form of a direct subsidy to the homebuyer and a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) or other similar entity maintains ownership of the HOME-assisted property to ensure its continued affordability in perpetuity.
- Resale provisions shall be encouraged when the HOME subsidy is provided in the form of a direct subsidy to the homebuyer and it is determined that the property is located in a highly appreciating market for the purpose of maintaining the unit's affordability throughout the entire period of affordability.

B. Methods – The resale option ensures that the HOME-assisted unit remains affordable over the entire period of affordability. All HOME-assisted units “designated as affordable units” shall meet the following criteria:

- The new purchaser must be low-income, meeting the HOME Program definition, and occupy the property as the family’s principle residence. HOME assistance may be made available to an income eligible buyer other than a first-time homebuyer if OCD determines such assistance is necessary to guarantee the seller a fair return on his/her investment and keep the property affordable to a buyer whose family income is no more than 80 percent of the area median and no less than 50 percent of the area median. Fair return shall be defined as the percentage increase or decrease in property value as determined by the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s Housing Price Index (HPI) for the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area between the time the seller purchased the property and the time of the resale. The pending transaction shall be deemed affordable if the projected combined total payments of principal, interest, property taxes and homeowner insurance does not exceed 30 percent of the family income of the prospective buyer.
- The sales price must be “affordable” to the new purchaser. In this instance, affordability of the new purchaser is defined as the income-eligible household’s maximum mortgage capacity as defined by a mortgage lender using generally-accepted underwriting criteria. These may include the provision of down payment or second mortgages assistance, first mortgage interest write-downs, or other mechanisms that enhance affordability.
- Under no circumstances may the “affordable” sales price exceed 95% of the median purchase price for the area.

Net proceeds from the sale must provide the original homebuyer, now the home seller, “fair return” on their investment (including any down payment and capital improvement investment made by the owner since purchase). Fair Return is defined as the return of the homeowner’s original investment (i.e. down payment) plus any capital improvements, less the amount of deferred maintenance that does not meet HUD Housing Quality Standards.

Fair Return on Investment: OCD will administer its resale provisions by ensuring that the Owner receives a fair return on his/her investment and that the home will continue to be affordable to a specific range of incomes. Fair Return on Investment means the total homeowner investment which includes the total cash contribution plus the approved capital improvements credits as described below:

1. The amount of the down payment;
2. The cost of any capital improvements, documented with receipts provided by the homeowner, including but not limited to:
 - a. Any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage;
 - b. Replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems;
 - c. Accessibility improvements such as bathroom modifications for disabled or elderly, installation of wheel chair ramps and grab bars, any and all of which must have been paid for directly by the Owner and which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally-funded grant program; and
 - d. Outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence.

Note: All capital improvements will be visually inspected to verify their existence.

3. The percentage of change as calculated by the Housing Price Index (HPI) Calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The HPI Calculator is currently located at www.fhfa.gov/Default.aspx?Page=86 and projects what a given house purchased at a point in time would be worth today if it appreciated at the average appreciation rate of all homes in the area. The calculation shall be performed for the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Metropolitan Statistical Area.

In general, OCD shall consider “fair return” to be the maximum sales price as calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum Permitted Resale Price} = \frac{(\text{The initial sales price to the Owner}) \times \text{Resale Area Median Income}}{\text{Initial Area Median Income}}$$

Initial Median Income is defined as the Area Median Income corresponding to a household size equivalent to 1.5 times the number of bedrooms in the Home at the time of the Owner’s purchase of the Home rounded to the nearest whole number.

Resale Area Median Income is defined as the Area Median Income corresponding to a household size equivalent to 1.5 times the number of bedrooms in the Home at the time of the Owner’s Notice of Intent, rounded to the nearest whole number.

Individual projects/ programs may apply for changes in the above formula for application to that specific project/program with the approval of OCD Staff. The formula for “fair return” must be included in the contract between OCD and the project/program partner.

C. Enforcement Mechanisms - Resale requirements shall be enforced through deed restriction, covenant, land use restriction agreement, or other similar mechanism filed with the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court and the requirements within shall be triggered upon sale or transfer of the HOME-assisted property.

Recapture Provisions

Activity Types - Recapture provisions as outlined in 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) through (7) shall be enforced in cases where HOME funds are provided as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer . The direct subsidy to the homebuyer is the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the dwelling unit. The direct subsidy includes down payment, closing cost, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer. In addition, direct subsidy includes any assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price.

A. Methods – The recapture option allows OCD to recapture the entire HOME subsidy, subject to net proceeds, if the HOME recipient decides to sell the unit within the period of affordability at whatever price the market will bear. All HOME-assisted unit sales under the recapture option shall meet the following criteria:

- The homebuyer may sell the property to any willing buyer.
- The sale of the property during the period of affordability triggers repayment of the direct HOME subsidy, subject to net proceeds, to OCD that the buyer received when he/she originally purchased the home.

B. Enforcement Mechanisms - Recapture provisions shall be enforced through a mortgage, note and Recapture Agreement filed with the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court and the requirements within shall be triggered upon sale or transfer of the HOME-assisted property.

C. Amount of Repayment – OCD requires that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (whether voluntary or involuntary), it will recapture the Home investment up to the total net proceeds remaining after the sale as modified by program specific choices under 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) through (4). Net proceeds are the sales price minus the superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. The specific method of recapture as capped by net proceeds may be one of the four choices outlined in 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) through (4). These options include:

- Recapture the entire amount- OCD may recapture the entire amount of the HOME investment from the homeowner, with total collections capped by net proceeds;
- Reduction during the affordability period- OCD may elect to reduce the HOME investment amount to be recaptured on a pro rata basis for the time the homeowner has owned and occupied the housing measured against the required affordability period;
- Shared Net Proceeds- When the net proceeds (i.e., the sales price minus loan repayment, other than HOME funds, and closing costs) are insufficient to repay the direct HOME subsidy and the homebuyer's investment, the net proceeds shall be shared according to the following formula. Recapture of the HOME funds is based on the ratio of the HOME subsidy to the sum of the homeowner's investment (including down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since purchase), plus the HOME subsidy:

$$\frac{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy} \times \text{Net Proceeds}}{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy} + \text{Homeowner Investment}} = \text{HOME Recapture}$$

Amount payable to homebuyer under the Shared Net Proceeds Model is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Homebuyer Investment}}{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy} + \text{Homebuyer Investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Amount to Homebuyer}$$

Owner investment returned first- OCD may permit the homebuyer to recover the homebuyer's entire investment (downpayment and capital improvements made by the owner since purchase) before recapturing the HOME investment.

Staff shall select one of these four options based on the specific project/program in consultation with the project/program sponsor. The selected method must be included in the contract between OCD and any partner.

D. Mortgage Release - Upon receipt of recaptured funds, OCD shall file a "Release" document with the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court to release the original HOME-assisted homebuyer from the requirements of the mortgage or other similar mechanism.

E. Repayments – Repayments of recaptured funds shall be remitted directly to OCD to be utilized for HOME-eligible activities only.

2. Council Resolution

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Introduced 6-22-16
P.H. 7-27-16

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RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR TREASURER

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT THE ACTION PLAN 2016 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENTS AND PARTNERSHIP (HOME), HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA) AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAMS (TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$6,748,789 PLUS \$725,000 ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE ACTION PLAN 2016 AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE RELATED LOUISIANA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS WITH THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION (LHC) IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$463,500; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT OR URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE RELATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, submission requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs require a Consolidated Plan and Strategy with annual Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish wishes to submit its Action Plan for 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) is anticipated to approve a grant in the amount of approximately \$463,500 under the related Louisiana Emergency Solutions Grants program; and,

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Grants Review Committee reviews and approves the Louisiana Emergency Solutions Grants application; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Grants Review Committee reviews and approves the Community Development Block (CDBG) grant program application; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Grants Review Committee reviews and approves the HOME grant program application; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Grants Review Committee reviews and approves the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) grant program application; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Grants Review Committee reviews and

approves the HUD Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG) grant application; and

WHEREAS, the HUD and State of Louisiana grant program funds may be contracted to qualified nonprofit organizations providing housing and related services to low to moderate persons; and,

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development received and evaluated proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) assistance and recommends approval of grant agreements for certain eligible providers:

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development received and evaluated proposals for HOME program grant assistance and recommends approval of agreements for certain eligible providers:

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development received and evaluated proposals for Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) grant assistance and recommends approval of grant agreements for certain eligible providers:

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development received and evaluated proposals for HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) assistance and recommends approval of grant agreements for certain eligible homeless shelter providers:

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development received and evaluated proposals for Louisiana Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) assistance and recommends approval of grant agreements for certain eligible homeless shelter providers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Mayor-President is hereby authorized to submit the Action Plan for 2016 grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and execute grant agreements for these programs at the appropriate time.

Section 2. The budget for the grants programs are hereby approved so as to provide financial assistance in connection with and on behalf of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Section 3. The Mayor-President or Urban Development Director is hereby further authorized to execute subrecipient

agreements or contracts under these grant agreements.

Section 4. The Mayor-President or Urban Development Director is authorized to execute subsequent amendments to the grants contracts and/or supplemental grants contracts when such amendments/contracts increase and/or decrease the amount of funds made available to the City-Parish and provided that any such amendments/contracts are for the same purpose and under substantially like terms and conditions.

Section 5. Any grant agreements or contracts authorized above shall be contingent upon prior review and approval by the City-Parish Grants Review Committee and by the Office of the Parish Attorney.

3. Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

08/15/2016

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

LA220126

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

72-6000137

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0719483010000

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 222 Saint Louis Street, 7th Floor

Street2:

*** City:** Baton Rouge

County/Parish:

East Baton Rouge

*** State:**

LA: Louisiana

Province:

*** Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:** 70802-5817

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Office of Community Development

Division Name:

Division of Administration

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

*** First Name:**

Gail

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Grover

Suffix:

Title: Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Organizational Affiliation:

City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

*** Telephone Number:** 225-389-5350

Fax Number: 225-389-3939

*** Email:** ggrover@brgov.com

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.218

* Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated areas of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Eliminating slums and blight and meeting urgent low/moderate income community development needs through the provision of housing assistance, public services, and neighborhood improvements.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant LA-006

* b. Program/Project LA-006

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

LA-006, LA-002

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2016

* b. End Date: 09/30/2017

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	2,867,265.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	350,000.00
* g. TOTAL	3,217,265.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name: Melvin "Kip"

Middle Name: L

* Last Name: Holden

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor-President

* Telephone Number: 225-389-3100 Fax Number: 225-389-5203

* Email: mayor@brgov.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed: 08/10/2017

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

LA220126

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

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City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

72-6000137

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0719483010000

d. Address:

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222 Saint Louis Street, 7th Floor

Street2:

* City:

Baton Rouge

County/Parish:

East Baton Rouge

* State:

LA: Louisiana

Province:

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USA: UNITED STATES

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70802-5817

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Ms.

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Title: Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

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City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

* Telephone Number:

225-389-5350

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ggrover@brgov.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

Home Investment Partnerships Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

* Title:

Home Investment Partnerships Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated areas of East
Baton Rouge Parish

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Assistance to housing related organizations for the development of affordable housing and direct assistance to home buyers for purchase of affordable housing.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant LA-006

* b. Program/Project LA-006

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LA-006, LA-002

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2016

* b. End Date: 09/30/2017

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	1,068,461.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	324,922.00
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	375,000.00
* g. TOTAL	1,768,383.00

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Middle Name: L

* Last Name: Holden

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor-President

* Telephone Number: 225-389-3100

Fax Number: 225-389-5203

* Email: mayor@brgov.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed: 08/10/2016

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* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.241

CFDA Title:

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.241

* Title:

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

9 parish region of City of Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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Housing services, acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, project/tenant rental assistance, short-term rent/mortgage/utility assistance in the support of persons with HIV/AIDS.

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* b. End Date: 09/30/2017

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* a. Federal	2,550,866.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	2,550,866.00

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U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.231

CFDA Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.231

* Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

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Rapid rehousing and homeless prevention services through non-profit emergency shelter provider organization sub-recipients.

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* a. Federal	262,197.00
* b. Applicant	
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* d. Local	262,197.00
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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

Date 08/10/2016

Approved by:
William B. Daniel IV, PE
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED

PARISH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2015 , _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Melvin F. Kip Holden 08/10/2016
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Mayor - President
Title

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PARISH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approved by:
William B. Daniel IV, PE
Chief Administrative Officer

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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PARISH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Melvin F. Kip Holden

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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Melvin F. Kip Holder 08/10/2016
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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

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6. Federal Department/Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development			7. Federal Program Name/Description: Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.218		
8. Federal Action Number, if known: N/A			9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 2,867,265.00		
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6. Federal Department/Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development			7. Federal Program Name/Description: Home Investment Partnerships Program CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.239		
8. Federal Action Number, if known: N/A			9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 1,068,461.00		
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI): State Lobbyist -Courson Nickel, LLC 453 Lafayette St., Ste. A Baton Rouge, LA 70802 *Federal Lobbyist -See information below.			b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): Courson Nickel, LLC -Bud Courson Patton Boggs, LLP -Carolina Mederos		
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6. Federal Department/Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development			7. Federal Program Name/Description: Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.241		
8. Federal Action Number, if known: N/A			9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 2,550,866.00		
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6. Federal Department/Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development			7. Federal Program Name/Description: Emergency Solutions Grant Program CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.231		
8. Federal Action Number, if known: N/A			9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 262,197.00		
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4. Substantial Amendment #1

Annual Action Plan 2016
Version 2.0 – Substantial Amendment #1

MB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 07/31/2015)



**City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge
Office of the Mayor-President
Office of Community Development**

January 13, 2017

Ms. Cheryl Breaux
Director Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Louisiana State Office
Hale Boggs Building
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Ms. Breaux:

Enclosed are the submission documents for the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish Consolidated Plan and Strategy Action Plan 2016 Substantial Amendment for Community Development Block Grant – Declared Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DDRF), including the SF424 grant application form and all applicable grant certifications and related information. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (225) 389-7849 or email at chall@brgov.com.

Sincerely,

Consuella G. Hall, Urban Development Director

Enclosures

cc: Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Gail Grover

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Post Office Box 1471, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-1471

Tel: (225) 389-3039, FAX: (225) 389-3939, TDD: (225) 389-3082

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(Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968)**



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

12/28/2016

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

LA220126

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

72-6000137

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0719483010000

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 222 Saint Louis Street, 7th Floor

Street2:

*** City:** Baton Rouge

County/Parish: East Baton Rouge

*** State:** LA: Louisiana

Province:

*** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:** 70802-5817

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Office of Community Development

Division Name:

Division of Administration

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.

*** First Name:** Consuella

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:** Hall

Suffix:

Title: Urban Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge

*** Telephone Number:** 225-389-3039

Fax Number: 225-389-3939

*** Email:** cghall@brgov.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.218

* Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated areas of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Supplemental CDBG funding addressing presidentially declared flood disaster

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant LA-006

* b. Program/Project LA-006

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

LA-006, LA-002

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 10/01/2016

* b. End Date: 09/30/2017

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	11,065,556.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name: Melvin "Kip"

Middle Name: L

* Last Name: Holden

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor-President

* Telephone Number: 225-389-3100

Fax Number: 225-389-5203

* Email: mayor@brgov.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

12-28-2016

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



Signature/Authorized Official

Date 12-28-2016

Approved by:
William B. Daniel IV, PE
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED

PARISH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2015 , _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Melvin F. Kip Holden 12-28-2016
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Mayor - President
Title

APPROVED

PARISH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approved by:
William B. Daniel IV, PE
Chief Administrative Officer

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Melvin F. Kip Holden 12-28-2016
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Mayor - President
Title

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

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RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR TREASURER

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND STRATEGY 2015-2019 AND ACTION PLAN 2016 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$11.5 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FROM THE DECLARED DISASTER RECOVERY FUND.

WHEREAS, submission requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program requires a Consolidated Plan and Strategy with annual Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish wishes to amend the Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2015-2019 and Action Plan 2016:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Mayor-President is hereby authorized to submit an amendment to the City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2015-

2019 and Action Plan 2016 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. Said amendment shall provide for the City-Parish to accept up to \$11.5 million from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Declared Disaster Recovery Fund established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address individual, household and public needs resulting from the events declared a major disaster by the President of the United States on August 14, 2016 (FEMA-4277-DR) and to allocate said funds to provide support for persons and families who experienced or are experiencing homelessness as a result of said disaster, and repair infrastructure, rehabilitate homes and restore rental properties and businesses damaged as a result of said disaster.

Section 3. Said amendment shall be contingent upon prior review and approval by the City-Parish Grants/Contract Review Committee and by the Office of the Parish Attorney.

Section 4. The Mayor-President is hereby authorized to submit the amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to execute the grant agreement or agreements at the appropriate time.

Section 5. The Mayor-President, Urban Development Director or Purchasing Director are hereby authorized to execute subsequent subrecipient agreements and/or contracts under the terms of said grant agreement or agreements, provided that no subrecipient agreement or contract shall be executed without prior review and approval by the City-Parish Grants and Contracts Review Committee and the Office of the Parish Attorney.



City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton
Substantial Amendment
2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Strategy
2016 Action Plan

Responsible Entity:

City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge

Office of Community Development

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SUMMARY

The City of Baton Rouge (The City) receives funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. For receipt of these funds, the City must submit a five-year plan known as a Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS). For each year of the CPS, the City must develop an Action Plan describing how funds will be utilized on addressing the goals and strategies in the CPS. On September 21, 2016 the City was notified by HUD that it would receive funding through a special recovery fund established under HUD's CDBG Program; this *Declared Disaster Recovery Fund* (DDRF) will provide \$11,065,556 in disaster assistance to the City to assist in its recovery from the August 2016 flood events. The City is eligible for the funds because it is an entitlement community under the CDBG program.

According to the City's Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, an increase or decrease of over 50% of the budgeted funding amount or a change in a general activity or national objective of an activity, requires a substantial amendment to the CPS.

Based on input from our stakeholders, five programs are proposed to utilize the Declared Disaster Recovery funds. The following proposed activities are the result of the 2016 Flood Disaster and require-modification of the 2016 Annual Action Plan:

- Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program
- Rental Repair and Lease Program
- Title Assistance
- Homeless Assistance
- Administration

Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program

The City proposes to assist homeowners that are currently on the waiting list for the City's Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR) and have damages from the flood event based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) data. Once the waiting list has been addressed, the City will accept applications from homeowners not currently eligible under the State homeowner program. The City will establish a policy to identify the priorities given to those homeowners to be addressed with available funding. The City will work closely with the State to ensure there is no duplication of efforts in order to address the increased need between both City and State homeowner rehabilitation programs. Only low to moderate income homeowners at or below 80% LMI will be served.

Rental Repair and Lease Program

The City proposes to repair or make improvements to existing multifamily housing units or structures that can be converted to multifamily housing units to increase housing options/stock. The program would support single family units, duplexes, triplexes and large multi-family structures, much like the FEMA Multifamily Lease and Repair Program (MLRP) under which only multi-family structures with 5 or more units are eligible. Following the FEMA model, the City's program guidelines would require an eighteen-month (18) lease period. Additionally, in return for the assistance, landlords will be required to sign an agreement using HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program occupancy and affordability guidelines. Only low to moderate income homeowners at or below 80% LMI will be served.

Title Assistance

The City proposes to assist low to moderate homeowners with obtaining clear title therefore making them eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program and other housing programs. Many low to moderate income homeowners do not have a clear title nor can they afford the legal services necessary to obtain a clear title.

Homeless Assistance

The City proposes to allocate monies to assist the homeless by increasing, extending or restoring the number of shelter beds available for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Administration

The State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (State) will deliver the previously outlined eligible activities on behalf of the City. While implementing the programs, the state will comply with appropriate federal grant provisions.

The City will monitor the performance of the State and perform grant close-out.

Pre-award activities for which the State is tasked entail working with City to assist with preparing the amended Consolidated Plan and Action Plan and developing an Unmet Needs Analysis. Costs for pre-award activities are eligible and will not affect future CDBG grants as they are specifically related to the implementation of the DDRF grant.

UNMET NEEDS/GOALS

The community needs assessment contained in our 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan was developed with input from many local and regional agencies and organizations, including private, non-profit and for-profit entities as well as direct input from the public through a series of public hearings and with input from representatives of neighborhood organizations. The Office of the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Community Development (OCD) partnered with the HUD New Orleans Field Office to conduct a community needs assessment process for East

Baton Rouge Parish. The design included convening representatives representing local, State and Federal agencies who were to develop strategies and identify projects which would benefit low to moderate income people. This would be accomplished through a series of stakeholder roundtable meetings to get input directly from service providers on what they thought the most important needs are facing our community.

Based on our needs analysis which was supported by data in our 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, affordable housing both rental and owner was a high priority. Lack of decent affordable housing continues to be the biggest issue facing our community. The aging housing stock continues to deteriorate and leads to substandard housing conditions for low income families. The most common housing problems found are the high housing costs and overcrowding.

Because of the August 2016 flood events, the problem was exacerbated. Table 1 indicates that FEMA reported 50,579 homes were damaged by the flood. Since most of the home damaged were not located in a flood plain, approximately 84% did not have flood insurance. FEMA's maximum individual assistance is approximately \$30,000 which is insufficient to meet the needs of those not insured that have sustained major and severe damage. Add this to our initial housing needs analysis in the 2015-2019 Consolidated and you have a severe housing problem.

Table 1

EBR Entitlement

Count of Properties with/without Flood Insurance (Yes/No)

Flood Insurance (Yes/No)	Flood Category						Total
	No Response to Flood Insurance Question	0 inches	< 1 Foot	1-4 Feet	4-6 Feet	6+ Feet	
Rent	4,379	8,679	3,512	6,642	1,374	441	25,027
Yes	104	173	67	178	50	9	581
No	4,275	8,506	3,445	6,464	1,324	432	24,446
Own	3,570	3,744	5,443	10,490	1,409	333	24,989
Yes	592	505	1,245	3,881	860	231	7,314
No	2,978	3,239	4,198	6,609	549	102	17,675

No Response	-	522	16	20	5	-	563
Yes	-	42	1	3	1	-	47
No	-	480	15	17	4	-	516
Total	7,949	12,945	8,971	17,152	2,788	774	50,579

The City surveyed some of the major homeless support agencies to determine their needs for the homeless after the flood. The Volunteers of America (VOA) and the Bishop Ott St. Vincent de Paul both reported a 29% to 30% increase in persons seeking housing and homeless services. The Volunteers of America reported that the number of calls per day seeking housing services have doubled from 100 to 200 calls. They have no resources available to refer clients to. In addition, they reported a 60% increase in persons classified with special needs requesting housing services. They have a waiting list which continues to grow. Prior to the flood the VOA served 86 clients with mental health and substance abuse issues. They have turned away 28 persons because of lack of staff and operating funds to assist these individuals. Currently, there are 58 persons on the emergency shelter grant waiting list.

Bishop Ott St. Vincent de Paul, with the help of Red Cross increased shelter beds for men by 58% after the flood. Monies to support the extra beds will end December 30, 2016. Bishop Ott St. Vincent de Paul serves between 1300-1400 homeless persons per year. Staff reported that of the number of new unique persons entering the shelter post-flood, between 20- 50% of the extra beds are filled with first- time homeless clients.

While the City has made great progress in reducing the number of homeless persons over the past 10 years, the flood has brought those numbers back to where they were in 2015. In order to reduce the increase and help our recent homeless population, additional shelter beds and extended shelter stays are required because of the impact of the flood on pre-flood, precariously housed residents, the shortage of housing, the increase in rental costs and the reduction and termination of FEMA, HUD and Red Cross emergency services. All agencies reported the need for funding to increase shelter beds, increase the number of case managers and support services needed to help the vulnerable homeless in accessing housing and navigating the complex post-flood housing programs and resources. The City is proposing to allocate one million dollars to provide funding to various homeless agencies to aid support for the homeless.

The proposed projects included in this amendment fall into the goals and strategies included in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The proposed projects fall under the goals of Single-family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair, Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation, Homeowner Services and Homeless Prevention.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Table 2 shows the proposed activities and dollar amounts proposed to be used for each activity.

Table 2

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	NATIONAL OBJECTIVE
Housing Repairs/Reconstruction	\$3,676,222.4	LMH
Rental Repair/Lease	\$3,676,222.4	LMH
Title Assistance	\$500,000	Limited Clientele
Homeless Prevention	\$1,000,000	Limited Clientele
Administration	\$2,213,111.2	Not Applicable
TOTAL	\$11,065,556	

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City's Citizen Participation Plan has been modified to include a 7-day period to receive comments on a substantial amendment to the CPS or the Annual Action Plan prior to the amendment being implemented. The City has requested that HUD grant a waiver for the City's Citizen Participation Plan requirement of a 30-day comment period be shortened to 7-day period which allows reasonable opportunity for citizen comments and ongoing citizen access how the additional grants funds will be used. The notice will be issued as a legal notice posted in the Baton Rouge newspaper and on OCD's website. All comments and views of citizens received in writing or via the Internet will be considered in preparation of the Substantial Amendment.

Public comments regarding the amendment will be accepted starting Monday, December 12, 2016 and ending Sunday, December 18, 2016. A summary of these comments and views will be attached to the substantial amendment.

The full Citizen Participation Plan is available on the City's website at: <https://brgov.com/dept/ocd/>

